



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

PRIVATE ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION, DENOVO LAW SERVICES, LLC VS. CITY OF VENICE

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Holic noted Ms. Gates will be joining the meeting.

Present: 6 - Mayor John Holic, Vice Mayor Bob Daniels, Council Member Richard Cautero, Council Member Fred Fraize, Council Member Charles Newsom and Council Member Margaret Fiedler

Absent: 1 - Council Member Jeanette Gates

ALSO PRESENT

City Attorney Dave Persson, Assistant City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, and City Manager Ed Lavallee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Daniels.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Michael Barfield, Sarasota County resident, asked that three objectives be accomplished which are to assure compliance with the law as quickly as possible, prevention, and fiscal responsibility, and noted concern with individuals who have not cooperated with the request.

I. NEW BUSINESS

18-3093

Request Private Attorney Client Session: Denovo Law Services, LLC vs. City of Venice

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Daniels, seconded by Council Member Cautero, to approve Item No. 18-3093. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

II. PRIVATE ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION

18-3094

5:00 P.M. OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER - PRIVATE ATTORNEY-CLIENT SESSION, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 286.011(8), TO DISCUSS DENOVO LAW SERVICES, LLC VS. CITY OF VENICE

In attendance will be City Attorney Dave Persson, Assistant City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, Mayor John Holic, Vice Mayor Bob Daniels, Council Members Chuck Newsom, Mitzie Fielder, Jeanette Gates, Rich Cautero and Fred Fraize, City Manager Ed Lavalley, Special Counsel Steve Chase and Roberts Court Reporting. (Expected Duration 2 hours)

Recess was taken at 5:09 p.m. for the Private Attorney-Client Session.

Mayor Holic announced a Private Attorney-Client Session will be held pursuant to Florida Statute 286.011(8) to discuss Denovo Law Services, LLC vs. City of Venice.

In attendance will be City Attorney Dave Persson, Assistant City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, Mayor John Holic, Vice Mayor Bob Daniels, Council Members Chuck Newsom, Mitzie Fiedler, Rich Cautero, Fred Fraize, and at some point in the session Jeanette Gates, City Manager Ed Lavalley, Special Counsel Steve Chase, and Roberts Court Reporting.

The session will last approximately two hours, after which the meeting will reconvene in council chambers.

Mayor Holic announced at 6:27 p.m. that the Private Attorney-Client Session was over and the meeting was reconvened, and noted Ms. Gates joined the session at 5:22 p.m. and Mr. Cautero left the session at 6:07 p.m.

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:


Mayor - City of Venice


City Clerk